

Questions RFP 043 20000000004

Q: In the following section, could you please clarify if that means that the vendor must have experience in state-wide mental health that has a correctional focus or if statewide mental health experience outside the correctional experience is acceptable.

*The RFP, in the section about **vendor qualifications** reads:*

•Vendor must have demonstrated experience in conducting detailed program evaluations on state-wide mental health or community correctional programs.

A: Statewide mental health experience outside of correctional programs is acceptable.

Q: Can you please clarify if an out of state vendor will be considered? Any additional points offered for enlisting support of minority or women owned vendors as subcontractor or as the prime?

A: Out of state vendors will be considered. Additional points are not offered for minority or female owned vendors.

Q: Is there a current or former evaluation contractor working with AL Bureau of Parole and Pardons on COSMOSS or previous similar efforts?

A: We have had evaluation contractors in the past but are not currently working with an evaluator for our programs (including COSMOSS).

Q: Do you have any guidance on budget parameters for the evaluation contract?

A: None

Q: Can you please clarify the expectation of the client tracking, is the vendor responsible for tracking clients who leave treatment services of the DRCs? Also, will the vendor be responsible for building and entering tracking data into a database or will the vendor input data into an already established database?

A: Vendor will assist in determining our data needs for evaluation both ongoing and at the end of the project period. Vendor will define all data elements needed and provide research into how these variables have been operationalized through existent literature. ABPP will modify existing database to collect required data for analysis if needed. Vendor will receive data periodically and assess if there are issues in data collection and provide periodic analysis to improve project performance.

Q: If client level data collection is required, do you anticipate this happening online and has the DNR moved to online/ virtual treatment.

A: Data collection will be through the ABPP case management system and data sharing from our contracted treatment provider. Some data may need to be merged for final analysis.

Q: Can you please clarify the working definition of recidivism for this population (e.g. are violations of mandatory release/probation/parole counted in addition to other unlawful acts)?

A: Recidivism is defined as a return to DOC custody within 3 years of program completion.

Q: Is entering the COSMOSS Program voluntary or is it possible for individuals involved in the criminal justice system to be ordered by the court to enroll in the program?

A: Individuals will be ordered to attend the DRC via the court system or by the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Q: Other than recidivism rates, what are the other pre-selected outcome measures?

A: Unable to provide additional details at this time, however each outcome was specified in the grant narrative for which selected vendor will be provided a copy. Vendor can make recommendation on the best outcome measures to evaluate based on existent research.